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NRO/NSA Relationship Memo for Record 4 June 1962

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NRO Staff

Meeting - Dr. Charyk, Dr. Scoville, Admiral Frost and [redacted] (et al) 25X1
25 May 1962.

Requirements for NSA come from annual ELINT Rqmts List and Comint Rqmts List provided by ELINT and COMINT Committees of USIB. This was in accordance with COMOR July 1960 paper establishing electronic collection requirements for satellite collection. May need updating but COMOR clearly has the charter to establish rqmts for overflight collection of electronic signals.

Dr. Charyk made the point tha only USIB can validate rqmts for NRP directly or thru a USIB committee, and said inasmuch as NSA was member of USIB, NSA cld present rqmts it felt appropriate through USIB channels; NRO would not respond directly to NSA rqmts or tasks. NRO does however want NSA advice and consultation on how best to satisfy USIB rqmts placed on NRO, but determination of collection program including devices, techniques and schedules is solely that of the NRO.

Adm. Frost expressed need to have roles of COMOR and USIB Elint & Comint Committees clarified and means by which NSA is to deal with NRO. DNRO agreed to take up with USIB.

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Initial NSA misunderstanding of ability to distribute sanitized results - but not entire mission reports (which must remain TKH) - cleared up with Adm. Frost.

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Dr. Charyk emphasized several times that he saw [redacted] as applying to all= 25X1
electronic collection effort under NRO, and TK as applying to all collection product and mission reports of NRO effort. No dissension was raised by NSA at that time.

It was agreed between NRO and NSA:

a. All satellite electronic collection effort within the NRP should be considered as a single program.

25X1 b. The [redacted] shld apply for the security protection of the operational aspects of the electronic signal collection effort under the NRO.

c. The TK control system will apply for the security protection of the collection products when related to specific missions or the specific fact of satellite collection.

d. The intelligence information content of the product and mission reports can, after sanitization which deletes specific reference to the source of such information, be provided to intelligence consumers using normal security applicable 25X1
to ELINT/COMINT information.

e. The NSA will identify individuals requiring [redacted] clearances to facilitate operating in accordance with the above concepts.

DCI McCone will be asked to put necessary paper into USIB to resolve security as outlined above.

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